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The EPA hearing in Cahokia was low-keyed. The upshot is that the EPA says there is no threat to health from Dead Creek and the government people, the Illinois agencies, are now looking into the second phase of their program which involves long-term environmental assessment.

There was no mention of Monsanto. It was merely an informational dissemination session for the press. Because Monsanto's name was not mentioned, there was no necessity to defend the company to the news media.

The press conference was heavily covered by TV, radio and newspapers and there should be widespread coverage tonight.

(I am at the WCK plant with Howard Curtis and have a press release. I will distribute when I get back from the office.)

John J. Spano  
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